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in use before the Hieronymian Vulgate, and from which Jerome made the recension now known as the Latin Vulgate. It was probably written, like the Vercelli manuscript, in gold or silver letters, but the metallic surface, if what are called gold and silver letters in this class of manuscripts be metallic, has long since been rubbed away, and nothing now remains but the traces of the original ink with which the letters were described before the golden substance was applied to them. Of this, however, we have no certain proof.

It will be observed that this fragment is full of solecisms, mistakes of the scribe, and misspellings, a circumstance very common in the more magnificent manuscripts of the class to which Dr. Todd supposes it to belong; for the artists who excelled in penmanship and decorative skill were often very incompetent as biblical scholars; and the very costliness of the material, and elegance of the writing, were obstacles to correctness, for the scribe preferred leaving a mistake to spoiling the beauty of his penmanship by attempting to correct it. Thus we find *dicentes* for *dicentis*; *parabolas* for *parabolam*; *illum* for *illud*; *persecutionem* for *persecutione*; *bona* for *boham*.

DONATIONS.

Antiquities from Dunshaughlin, viz.: A fragment of an Iron Chain, consisting of twenty-seven double-looped links, one Ring, and part of a Staple. A large Steel Knife or Dagger. A Draughtsman made of Bone, mounted with Bronze Pin. A Bronze Spear-head with double Blade, and two lateral loops. Three Boar Tusks. The Bone of a Cock's foot.

A Stone Celt, from the county Antrim.

A similar Stone Celt, found near the Falls of Niagara.

A Steel Spear and Ferule, from the Gambia.

A similar Spear, but larger, with small Trowel for Foot of Shaft, used by the Mandingoes, from the Gambia.

A Steel Spear and Ferule, from the Gold Coast.

A pair of Slave Shackles from the Gold Coast, supposed to be of African manufacture.

Two Scarabei ; three small Mummy Figures ; one large Mummy Figure ; two Copper Coins, with Arabic Inscriptions ; from Egypt.

Three African Idols in Brass or Bronze, viz.

1. *Sitting Figure, from Bight of Benin.*
2. *Ornamented Head, with Spirals, from Gold Coast.*
3. *Ichneumon, from Mandingo Country.*

Ingot of Bronze.

All the foregoing antiquities were presented by Dr. Madden.

Miscellany of the Irish Archæological Society. Vol. I. Presented by the Society.

Ancient Iron Hatchet found in the Bed of the River Boyne. Presented by Charles Cheyne, Esq.

Legal Education. By Henry Holmes Joy, Esq., M.R.I.A. Presented by the Author.

Medicines, their Uses, and Mode of Administration. By J. Moore Neligan, M.D., M.R.I.A. Presented by the Author.

Memoir of the Family of French. By John D'Alton, Esq., Barrister, M.R.I.A. Presented by the Author.

A Copy of a Document preserved in the Chapter House, Westminster, with impressions of the Seals attached to it. Presented by Sir William Betham.